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Twenty Seventh Annual October Rededication Event at Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

EARLIMART, Calif. - Park officials announce today that Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park will be hosting the twenty seventh October Rededication on October 11th. The event is an opportunity for visitors and supporters to renew their commitment to the park and its symbolic representation of self-determination for African Americans. This year's event will feature live music, vendors, and tours of the historic town. Visitors will be able to access several buildings that were not completed or were under renovation last year. The visitor will be invited to participate in historic activities that will focus around some of the reconstructed buildings.

This year visitors will again see construction activity at the park. This year building is already underway to reconstruct buildings at several sites. Some of the sites include the Singleton Store, the Milner barbershop, the Stockett house, and the Robinson house. The buildings, while far from completed, do invite the visitor back at a future date to experience the completed project.

Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans. Colonel Allen Allensworth founded the town in 1908 with four other black men who were dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of blacks.

The rededication event will be held at the park from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. The park charges an entry fee of \$3.00 per passenger vehicle (\$2.00 for senior citizen), \$18.00 per 23 or less passenger bus, and \$36.00 per 25 or more passenger bus.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County, approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 38 miles north of Bakersfield, off Highway 99.